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company (limited). This undertaking is turning out an  
all the shares are consequently rapidly increasing in price.  
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25 Grawton, £2 11s. 3d. 18 Richmond, £4 1s. 6d.  
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10 Herodfoot, £25 1/2. 30 Sweetland Creek, £4 1  
10 Hington, £7 10s. 9d. 10 So. Merilyn, £2 1/2.  
5 Lovell. 10 So. Condurow, £2.  
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20 Killfret, 27s. 10 Tankerville, £18 12s. 6d.  
30 Monkstoun. 2 Tincroft, £25 16s. 3d.  
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25 Nangles. 40 Wheel Whisper, £13.  
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Penrith. 20 Prince of Wales, 12s. 6d. 15 West  
Miners. 30 Penrith. 60 Plynlimmon, 15s. 9d. 15 West  
15s. 11s. 20 New Dolocath, £2 16s. 6d. 60 Great West  
15s. 6d. 20 South Margaret, 33s. 3d. 10 Devon Great  
100y, 14s. 25 Van Conso, £23 9s. 9d. 25 West Maria and  
15s. Hill. 25 Van Conso, £23 9s. 9d. 10 South Car-  
Ann. 35 Cedar Creek, £3 1/2. 10 Gold Run, 15s. 9d. 75  
St. John del Rey. 40 Sweetland Creek, £4 1s. 6d. 100  
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20 Blue Hills, £2. 10 Flagstaff, £14 1/2.  
50 Camp Floyd, £1 1/2. 20 Frontino, 7s. 6d.  
50 Colorado, £1 1/2. 20 Frank Mills, 6s. 6d.  
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15 Eberhardt, £25 1/2. 10 Great Laxey, £16 1/2.  
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30 Bog, 29s. 15 Hington, £7 1/2. 25 San Pedro, £6 1/2.  
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45 Castle an Dinas. 30 Ladywell. 20 So. Condurow, £7 16 3  
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100 Cwm Eian, 9s. 9d. 100 Malpas, 29s. 6d. 60 Tamar Conso, 35s.  
100 Cedar Creek, £3 5s. 9d. 20 Marke Valley, £4 8s. 10 Tincroft, £28 1/2.  
25 Camp Floyd, 35s. 6d. 90 Malabar, 2s. 9d. pm. 5 W. Chiverton, £13 1/2.  
30 Chontales. 60 Native Guano. 40 Unity Wood. 40 Unity Wood, £13 1/2.  
20 Don Pedro, 19s. 3d. 20 New Quebrada. 50 Van Conso, £25 16s. 3d.  
5 Devon Conso. 20 New Rosewarne, £23 1/2. 5 West Frances, £13 1/2.  
5 Dolocath, £20 1/2. 15 North Rosewarne. 100 West Caradon, 4s. 9d.  
20 Emma, £11. 5 North Rosewarne. 10 West Basset, £14.  
25 Eberhardt, £25 1/2. 5 North Rosewarne, £22 1/2. 70 West Esgrair Lie, £23 1/2.  
15 East Lovell, £16. 70 Old Batholow. 45 West Maria, 24s. 9  
10 East Caradon. 20 Port Phillip, 12s. 45 W. Tankerville, £4 3 9  
5 East Basset, £23 1/2. 54 Penrith, 25s. 9d. 35 Wheel Whisper.  
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20 Frank Mills, 7s. 6d. 100 Pacific, 14s. 65 Woodclose & Polgooth,  
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50 Prince of Wales, 12s. 200 West Caradon, 5s. 10 Richmond Cons., £4 1/2.  
30 So. Condurow, £7 1/2. 20 West Maria and For- 10 Sweetland Creek, £4.  
5 Van, £27. 20s. £24. 60 Camp Floyd, £1 1/2.  
10 West Chiverton, £13 1/2. 15 W. Tankerville, £4 3 9 100 Frontino & Bolivia, 10s.  
20 Wh. Greenville, £6 1/2. 20 Wheel Crebor, £25 1/2. 20 Last Chance, £6 1/2.  
5 East Basset, £27. 100 Don Pedro, 1/4 prem. 20 Pacific, 15s.  
20 East Van, £4 1/2. 25 Cedar Creek, £23 1/2. 10 San Pedro, £23 1/2.  
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shall be enabled to pay our cost, and put us in a good position to extend our deeper levels east and west, and to cross-cut our north and south lodes. No mine can show better prospects, particularly in the number of lodes and intersections so close at hand, and the mine must excite in position and depth to prove them, and all the machinery at surface and underground in capital working order. I am quite certain no speculation in tin mining can be so good, and a small further outlay judiciously expended will lead to satisfactory results.

**EAST BALLESWIDEN.**—Thomas Trahair, Feb. 26: The men in Morgan's engine-shaft have taken up and timbered for the last week 2 fms.; the stuff taken out of the shaft will all pay to stamp. The men in the adit level have cleared and reworked 3 fms. since last reported. The stamps and machinery are all working well; the other parts of the mine are looking just the same as last week.

**EAST CARADON.**—James Kellow, Thomas Trelease, Feb. 26: Child's Lode: In the 130 east the lode is of a more favourable character than we have hitherto had in this drive, being 1 ft. wide, composed of quartz, peach, and mudiie, and letting out water freely. The 115 east is 1 ft. wide, chiefly composed of quartz. The 80 west, on the south part, is 3 ft. wide, spotted with mudiie and ore. Fawcett Lode: The 30 east is 2 ft. wide, producing good stones of ore. The south lode, in the 40 west, is 1 ft. wide, yielding good stones of ore. Secombe's lode, in the 100 east, is 3 ft. wide, composed of quartz, peach, and priam, spotted with ore and mudiie. In the 80 west, on the south part, the lode is 2 ft. wide, of a similar character. On Marke's lode the north shaftmen have resumed the sinking below the 72. No change to notice in the drainage in the 72 and 80 east, on this lode.

**EAST CWM VRON.**—John Kito, Feb. 22: During the past month the shaftmen have been engaged in cutting the 36 fm. level, and fixing rod, stages, ladders, &c., between the 24 and 36; but this is now all completed, and we have made a fair start to drive east (at the 36) towards the ore ground referred to in my last report, and which driving I hope now to be able to continue without further interruption. The lode in the 24 fm. level, driving east into new ground, is still very large, and is letting out a considerable quantity of water, and yielding a little lead and blende, and presenting altogether a very kindly and promising appearance. I am in daily expectation of having a further improvement in this direction. We are cross-cutting the lode in the deep adit level west, in order to prove its full extent, and to ascertain if any ore is standing against the south wall. We have got into it about 3 ft., but no sign yet of being through it. So far as we have gone we find occasional stones of ore, but not enough to value. The mine altogether is in good repair.

**EAST LLANGYNOG.**—E. Pascoe, Feb. 23: Setting Report: The No. 1 level to drive west on the south lode, by two men, stent the month, at 65s. per fathom. The lode in this drive during the last month's drive has greatly improved, and is now worth for lead 15 cwt. per fathom. The No. 2 level to drive west of winze, on the course of the lode, by two men, at 70s. per fathom. The lode is composed of float, sulphur, and carbonate of lime, letting out water freely, a very promising lode, but not yielding much lead at present. The stoves over this level are set to four men, at 47s. 6d. per fathom; worth for lead 12 cwt. per fathom. The No. 3 level to drive west of winze, by four men, at 75s. per fathom. This end is yielding saving work for lead, and, judging from its appearance, I am daily expecting a further improvement. To rise and stove over No. 3 level west of winze, by four men, at 62s. 6d. per fathom; worth for lead 6 cwt. per fathom. To rise and stove over No. 2 level east of winze, by four men, at 50s. per fathom; worth for lead 15 cwt. per fathom. The stoves on the north part of the lode, east of winze, by four men, at 47s. 6d. per fathom; worth for lead about 1 ton per fathom. Another stove over this level, not set at present, is worth 12 cwt. per fathom. The end to drive west of cross-cut, on the south part of the lode, in No. 4 level, by four men, at 95s. per fathom. This end has been driven about 4 fms. during the past month, and has yielded fully 1 ton of lead per fathom. The rib of ore is rather confused at present, but the character of the ore is good, and I feel satisfied that we will take its regular course again in a short time. The No. 5 level to drive west of winze, by four men, at 60s. per fathom; worth for lead 15 cwt. per fathom. The end to drive west of cross-cut, on the north part of the lode, by four men, stent 1 fm., at 97s.; worth 15 cwt. of lead per fathom. The end to drive west in No. 4 level, on the north lode, by two men and two boys, at 67s. 6d. per fathom; the lode is composed of blende, sulphur, and a little lead. The cross-cut to drive south in No. 5 level, by four men, stent 1 fm., or cut the lode, at 95s. per fathom. The deep adit level to drive west, on the south lode, by four men, stent the month, at 65s. per fathom. These ends continue the same as when last reported. I have two more ends to let—viz., No. 3 east of winze and No. 2 east; also one stove over No. 4, worth 10 cwt. per fathom. The middle lode in No. 3 level is worth at present 8 cwt. of lead per fathom. The dressing machinery is now all at work, and should the weather continue favourable I shall sample a parcel of 50 tons in the course of a few days.

**EAST POLBERRO.**—S. A. Pope, William Johns, Feb. 27: In the adit level driving west on the blende, the lode is about 1 in. wide, worth 6d. per fathom; driving by four men, at 47s. 6d. per fathom. In the adit level, driving east, on the blende, the lode is about 14 in. wide, worth full 100s. per fathom; driving by four men, at 47s. 6d. per fathom. We purpose stopping the back of the above levels in a day or two, when we shall be making larger returns of the said mineral. We resume stopping the back of the adit on the caunter lode, where it is about 3½ ft. wide, producing copper, mudiie, blende, and tinstone, a very promising lode; stopping by two men, at 31s. 10s. per fathom. We have also commenced driving the adit level on the caunter lode, to intersect the two east and west lodes, which we alluded to in our former reports. When this is accomplished the lode will lead to good results; driving here by three men and three boys, at 50s. per fathom.

**EAST VAN.**—W. Williams, February 25: The 25 west of shaft, has been driven 17 fms. We shall soon be far enough to drive another cross-cut north to prove the value. The cross-cut north in the adit end has been driven 14 fms. We have not met with anything worth saying, therefore we have resumed the driving of the level west towards Van.

**EAST WHEATLEIGH.**—E. Hosking, W. Bennetts, Feb. 26: The lode in the 120 west is 2½ ft. wide, worth 9d. per fathom. In the 120 cross-cut the men are making fair progress. The lode in the 95 east is 2½ ft. wide, worth for tin and copper 15s. per fathom. The stoves above the 95, east and west of winze, are worth 1½ to 2 tons of copper ore per fathom. The lode in the 85 east is 3 ft. wide, worth for tin and copper 14s. per fathom. The stoves above the 85 are worth 10s. per fm. The stoves below the 75 are worth 2 tons of copper ore per fathom. The lode in the 65 east is looking just the same as last reported.

**EAST WHEATLEIGH.**—R. Quantrell, Feb. 26: Patwork: The skip-shaft below the 90, worth 180s. per fathom, and the eastern end of the tin ground is not dipping west as fast as usual; this is an important feature, as it shows the tin ground to be lengthening in depth. At Tregeon's level we are making good progress in bringing down the new shaft, and are breaking good tinstuff.

**EAGLEBROOK.**—H. Tyack, Feb. 25: I am pleased to say that we have had a change in the weather. We have drained the water out of the 40, and the men have resumed the driving of the 40 west in a lode 9 ft. wide, consisting of quantities of carbonate of lime, with good patches of lead on the south part, and strong spots of copper on the north part of the lode. The level, and the level below the end, the lode is from 8 to 9 ft. wide, yielding about 15 cwt. of lead and copper per fathom. In the stoves in back of the 30 east the lode is 4 ft. wide, producing 15 cwt. of lead ore per fathom. The 30 fm. level end men are at present engaged driving the 30 east, where the lode is about 5 ft. wide, containing zossan, corionite, and blue lead ore, yielding about 10 cwt. per fathom; this level is now being driven on the south lode, and has an improving appearance. The dressing is being pushed on with all possible speed, and if the weather proves favourable we hope to have 10 tons of lead in a fortnight from the mill.

**EXCELSIOR.**—G. Rickard, Feb. 26: We are at present making excellent progress with the driving of the south adit level west towards the engine-shaft, the ground being of a favourable description, both for progress and mineral. We find in the heads, or points, good faces of mudiie and copper ore, which shows it to be highly mineralised. The stope in the back of the middle adit still continues to produce good work for the stamps. Our surface operations have been rather slow, on account of the scarcity of carpenters and masons. I hope, however, to get some more next week.

**FLORENCE AND TONKIN.**—Wm. Verran, Feb. 27: The several points of operation are progressing satisfactorily, both in the eastern and western portion of the mine, and opening out some good mineral ground. It is especially gratifying to be able to report a productive lode in the 45 fm. level, east of Saw's shaft, which is being driven towards Verran's engine-shaft, and 25 fms. deeper than the present bottom of the shaft. We hope next month to resume the sinking of the shaft, and, having ore both east and west, have reason to expect a productive lode in the shaft in a comparatively short time. Our mine is now producing above the 45 fm. level, west of Saw's shaft, is producing good quantities of ore and mudiie, while the stope in the back of the 35 still maintains its character; everything seems to indicate increased riches as the mine is deepened. We have put our crusher to work, and have sent off to Calstock about 60 tons of ore to be sampled to-morrow, and have commenced dressing for another parcel, and shall soon have a parcel of mudiie also for sale.

**FORTESCUE.**—Thos. Phillips, Feb. 27: Since last discovery we find the whole hill-top to consist of tin, this ore is now being traversed by numerous branches, similar to what is now being started at Polgore old mine, and from which they have realised good profits. As far as yet can be ascertained the produce of the whole is about 60 lbs. of black tin to the 100 sacks. This produce will pay well, seeing that the tin is in soft kilas. We have not yet commenced to sink Hooke's shaft. Hardhead shaft lode, in the end at the 15 fm. level, is 4 ft. wide, worth 16s. per fathom. All other operations are being urged on as fast as possible.

**FRANCO CONSOLS.**—W. Doidge, Feb. 26: We are still making good progress in the adit level driving north. The water, I expect, will be out of Sutton's shaft by the time stated in my last report—the end of this week. The shaftmen will be engaged a few days longer scouring the engine-shaft, putting in ladders, which, when completed, we shall commence to sink Sutton's shaft as deep as the present lift will admit before we proceed to drop another. Our complement of men after this week will be eleven—four sinking the shaft, three stopping the back, east of shaft (from which places we hope shortly to raise a parcel of ore), and four driving the north adit.

**FRON VELLAN.**—Capt. Harper, Feb. 26: In the rise in the roof of the level west of deep adit the lode is about 5 ft. wide, and the eastern end of the tin ground within the last three or four weeks, composed of some nice spar, carbonate of lime, and the ribs of lead getting more together; worth for lead much the same as last week. This rise is opening out very good stoves, both east and west. In the intermediate level driving west of shaft the ground is a little harder than last week. The lode is about 3 ft. wide, of a very promising character, and letting out much water.—Shaft: The men have completed putting in the timber above the intermediate level, and have commenced rising. The ground is easy.—Sump: We have completed the sinking of the sump from the No. 1 level to the No. 3 level, and we have commenced cutting into the side, so as to make room to hang the windlases. As soon as this is finished we shall commence to sink below this level, to meet the rise coming up from the deep adit.

**FURZE HILL.**—W. Doidge, Feb. 27: We have communicated the rise in the back of the 84 with the 40, which has well ventilated both levels and laid open the ground for stopping. We have commenced a stope in the back of the 84, but the tinstuff thus far is below the average produce on account of having to square up the poorer parts of the lode left back in the last working, but, judging from the lode in the rise, we shall have a better quality shortly. We are now sinking the winze in the extreme point at the 40 east, which we were obliged to abandon a short time since on account of the influx of surface water. We are sinking under the lode, and hope to complete the winze to the 24 in the course of a fortnight or three weeks. We shall then drive east to commence with Bell shaft, at the bottom of which there is a great probability of finding a good lode. The stope in the back of the 40 is worth 31s. 10s. per fathom; price for stopping, 20s. per fathom.—Middle Lode: The present value of the lode in the 40 west is from 35 to 40s. per fathom; price for driving, 35s. per fathom. In the 20 west the lode is 20 in. wide, producing saving work, and looking kindly for an improvement; price for driving, 30s. per

fathom.—South Lode: The stoves in the back of the 30 are worth 31s. 10s. per fathom; price for stopping, 15s. per fathom. We shall have a parcel of tin ready for market in the course of a fortnight from this date, computed at 5 tons.

**GAULT COPPER.**—Geo. Rowe, Geo. Rowe, jun., Feb. 22: The lode in the 105 east of King's engine-shaft, is producing some very strong mudiie, with good stones of ore, and showing a very kindly appearance. The lode in the rise going up in the back of the 105 is worth 12s. per fathom. The lode in the 95, east of said shaft, is over 6 ft. wide, composed of eisel, spar, and mudiie, mixed with ore. The lode in the stoves in the back of the 95 is worth 20s. per fathom. The lode in the 82 east is worth 10s. per fathom. The lode in the stoves in the back of the 82 is worth 25s. per fathom. Milford's stope in the back of the same level is worth 30s. per fathom. The lode in the 70 east is 2½ ft. wide, producing eisel and mudiie intermixed with ore. The lode in the rise and stope in the back of the 70 is worth 15s. per fathom. All other points of operation are without change.

**GORSIEDD AND CELYN LEVEL.**—John Jones, Feb. 27: The water recently cut in the driving of the adit level has come from the workings ahead. I have carefully examined several shafts, and find them to be perfectly dry, thus one of the main objects in extending the level is achieved, and judging from the character of the ground from the forecast we cannot be far from intersecting the Gorsiedd vein. Some fine stoves have been opened this week, and the character of the ground in every way highly favourable. We have not yet cut the Merilyn vein, but are pushing on the cross-cut. At East Gorsiedd we are getting some fine lumps of ore, and with every prospect of the vein making a lasting deposit.

**GREAT LAXEY.**—J. Polglase, Feb. 25: The lode in the 235, north and south of engine-shaft, is poor. Welsh shaft is much as usual. In the 220 north and south the lode has not been cut. The stope in the bottom of the 210 north is worth 140s. per fathom. The 210 north is worth 54s. per fathom. The 200 north is worth 12s. per fathom. The stope in the bottom of this level is worth 164s. per fathom.—Dumbells: In the bottom ends in the 185 north and south the driving has only just commenced, therefore cannot state much of the character of the lode. The 170 ends, north and south, are poor. The winze sinking in the bottom of the 170 south is worth 36s. per fathom. The stope in back of the 170 south is worth 64s. per fathom. The winze sinking below the 155 is improved, and is now worth 72s. per fathom. In the 155 north the lode has not been cut through, but there are prospects of a good lode; in fact, there is little or no change to notice throughout the mine. The severe wet has hindered our progress in hauling and dressing. We expect to repair the damage done to the rods, bob, &c., by to-morrow. The cost of breakage will not amount to more than 100s.

**GREAT MOUNTAIN.**—J. Fraser, Feb. 26: We have weighed 14 cwt. of lead ore, the produce of 4½ days, and by the end of the month we shall be able to know what percentage the stope of No. 4 really yields. The ore there looks well, and in the cross-cut of No. 1 it is improving very much since last report. The deep adit is being pushed on as fast as possible.

**GREAT RETAILACK.**—J. Harris, Feb. 22: The lode in the adit end is producing good stones of jack, and I am pleased to say the ground is more favourable for driving in than for some time past, therefore I am hoping better progress will be made in future.

**GREAT ROCK.**—J. Kemp, Feb. 27: I have nothing new to report. Everything is being pushed on as well as possible. I have taken two of the men from the deep adit level, and have put them to sink a winze about 7 fms. east of the engine-shaft in the 23, at a point showing a little lead. We have been turning out some stuff this last day or two from the stoves around 'righes' chert. It is really fine stuff, containing nothing but continuous traces to make a good mine and I am of opinion that it may be somewhere. Any practical man would say so on seeing the stuff now brought out.

**GREAT NORTH CARADON.**—G. Richard, Feb. 17: Since sending you my last report no material change has taken place in the engine-shaft. The lode in the winze below the north adit is larger.

**GREAT WHEATLEIGH.**—R. Harris, J. James, Feb. 25: The rise above the 194, north of Edwards's shaft, is up 7 fms. against the winze sinking below the 184, and the prospect is a communication here this week; the lode is poor in both points. The 184 fm. level, driving west of Edwards's, is on a large lode, producing good stones of tin, and worth from 10s. to 15s. per fathom. In the 174, west of Edwards's, we have cross-cut 2 fms. south-west of the first limb of the cross-course, and intersected a well-defined lode, 18 in. wide, worth 30s. per fathom; here we have about 12 fms. to drive to reach the western limb of the cross-course, in which we expect a productive piece of ground. In the 164 we have passed through several faults of ground, and the influence of the western limb of the cross-course, but we have now got into clear ground, and soon expect to find a regular well-defined lode.—Metal Shaft: The 194, driving east of this shaft, is now within about 3 fms. of being under the winze sinking below the 184; as we near it we find a favourable change in the character of the ground. The 184 fm. level east is on a lode and branches 6 ft. wide, worth fully 120s. per fathom; this end has much improved within the last month, and looks kindly to continue. A winze sinking below this level, about 18 fms. behind this end, is down 7 fms., on a lode 1 ft. wide, worth 15s. per fathom. In another month this winze will be communicated with the 184 fm. level, and will give good ground, and greatly facilitate the working of this eastern ground. The 174 fm. level, driving east, is on a well-defined lode, 2 ft. wide, worth 25s. per fathom. These levels are driven about 50 fms. to 60 fms. east of shaft, but having fixed a good tramroad in the 184 fm. level a large quantity of stuff can be discharged at a small cost; and from the productive nature of the ground in this direction increased returns may be fairly expected. Our tribute department continues about the same as for some months past, and all the machinery throughout the mine continues to work well.

**GREAT WHEATLEIGH.**—R. Harris, J. James, Feb. 25: The rise above the 194, north of Edwards's shaft, is up 7 fms. against the winze sinking below the 184, and the prospect is a communication here this week; the lode is poor in both points. The 184 fm. level, driving west of Edwards's, is on a large lode, producing good stones of tin, and worth from 10s. to 15s. per fathom. In the 174, west of Edwards's, we have cross-cut 2 fms. south-west of the first limb of the cross-course, and intersected a well-defined lode, 18 in. wide, worth 30s. per fathom; here we have about 12 fms. to drive to reach the western limb of the cross-course, in which we expect a productive piece of ground. In the 164 we have passed through several faults of ground, and the influence of the western limb of the cross-course, but we have now got into clear ground, and soon expect to find a regular well-defined lode.—Metal Shaft: The 194, driving east of this shaft, is now within about 3 fms. of being under the winze sinking below the 184; as we near it we find a favourable change in the character of the ground. The 184 fm. level east is on a lode and branches 6 ft. wide, worth fully 120s. per fathom; this end has much improved within the last month, and looks kindly to continue. A winze sinking below this level, about 18 fms. behind this end, is down 7 fms., on a lode 1 ft. wide, worth 15s. per fathom. In another month this winze will be communicated with the 184 fm. level, and will give good ground, and greatly facilitate the working of this eastern ground. The 174 fm. level, driving east, is on a well-defined lode, 2 ft. wide, worth 25s. per fathom. These levels are driven about 50 fms. to 60 fms. east of shaft, but having fixed a good tramroad in the 184 fm. level a large quantity of stuff can be discharged at a small cost; and from the productive nature of the ground in this direction increased returns may be fairly expected. Our tribute department continues about the same as for some months past, and all the machinery throughout the mine continues to work well.

**HAPODAU.**—John Paul, Feb. 17: Since my last report on the above property the adit level has been extended east 3 fms.; during this drive the lode has been above the 120 west the lode is 4½ ft. wide, and spots of lead ore, but at present it looks better; the lode is 1 ft. 6 in. wide, carrying a branch of blende in the bottom of the level for 3 ft. high, 3 in. wide, almost solid, and a little water issuing therefrom, which speaks well for the future, as we have a good piece of ground in this direction.

**HALKYN DEEP LEVEL.**—Feb. 25: In the deep level, driving south west on the deep level vein, the lode is about 12 inches wide, composed of spar and limestone, containing small veins, which are discharging a little more water than usual, the ground still keeps hard and spare for driving. There is no particular change to notice in the re-opening of the 174 yards level south west on deep level vein; the old level is all crushed together, which is in a soft channel of clay ground; we expect to reach the forebreast of the old level by the end of this month. The cross-cut driving south on the 156 yard level from Pant-y-Gof-shaft, is still in a nice congealed white limestone, showing strong spots of lead and blende as we drive forward. The lode in the rise over the 146 yards level, 200 yards north of north shaft on Pant-y-frith, is quite 6 ft. wide, composed of spar, limestone, and produce above the 120 west the lode is 4½ ft. wide, and spots of lead ore, but at present it looks better; the lode is 1 ft. 6 in. wide, carrying a branch of blende in the bottom of the level for 3 ft. high, 3 in. wide, almost solid, and a little water issuing therefrom, which speaks well for the future, as we have a good piece of ground in this direction.

**HINGTON DOWN CONSOLS.**—J. Richards, Feb. 27: Buile's Shaft: In the 144 west the lode has become hard, and slow for progress; it still, however, maintains its value, and is a good course of ore, worth 60s. per fathom. In the stope in the bottom of the 144 west the lode is 4½ ft. wide, and spots of lead ore, but at present it looks better; the lode is 1 ft. 6 in. wide, carrying a branch of blende in the bottom of the level for 3 ft. high, 3 in. wide, almost solid, and a little water issuing therefrom, which speaks well for the future, as we have a good piece of ground in this direction.

**ISLAY (Lead).**—The directors have this day received a telegram from their resident agent, stating that the 35 is in fork, and that the mine looks well. The east and west lode is worth 15s. per fathom, the north and south lode 20s. in the east and west. In the bottom. At the half-yearly general meeting, held this day at the London Tavern, it was decided that instead of issuing additional shares, as suggested, that a call of 5s. per share shall be payable, as per notice on May 3, considering the unusually good prospects of the mine, that no additional shares be issued without the sanction of the shareholders.

**LEEDS AND ST. AUBYN.**—J. Curtis, Feb. 22: Setting Report: Wilson's engine-shaft is now at the 40, and I have this day set the 40 to drive east by four men, at 97s. per fathom; lode 2 feet wide, worth 8s. per fathom. The 40 to drive west by five men, at 97s. per fathom, worth 5s. per fathom. The 30 to drive east by four men, at 97s. per fathom, worth 5s. per fathom. The 30 to drive west by four men, at 97s. per fathom, worth 5s. per fathom. The 20 to drive east by four men, at 97s. per fathom, worth 5s. per fathom. The 20 to drive west by four men, at 97s. per fathom, worth 5s. per fathom. The 10 to drive east by four men, at 97s. per fathom, worth 5s. per fathom. The 10 to drive west by four men, at 97s. per fathom, worth 5s. per fathom. The 5 to drive east by four men, at 97s. per fathom, worth 5s. per fathom. The 5 to drive west by four men, at 97s. per fathom, worth 5s. per fathom. The 2 to drive east by four men, at 97s. per fathom, worth 5s. per fathom. The 2 to drive west by four men, at 97s. per fathom, worth 5s. per fathom. The 1 to drive east by four men, at 97s. per fathom, worth 5s. per fathom. The 1 to drive west by four men, at 97s. per fathom, worth 5s. per fathom.

**LLYN-Y-PANDY.**—M. Francis, Feb. 26: I am glad to be enabled to report that the ground has latterly become much easier for driving, and we are now making greater progress than we have for a long time, and, getting on as we are, we shall not be long before we intersect the lode. I respectfully submit to your consideration the advisability of at once commencing to enlarge the shaft upon the lode, which we are now approaching, and to deepen it as far as is practicable, so that as little time as possible may be lost in effecting a communication for ventilation, &c., when the adit intersects the lode. Since the "old men" tackled the water under the greatest disadvantage, having had to draw it up a sump 12 yards deep before they could draw it to surface, there is a possibility that if we deepen the shaft and tackle with it ore operations—especially if we are favoured with a dry spring and summer, as is probable—we shall have no great difficulty in keeping the mine dry and laying open productive ground, and getting ore to market some time before the adit is up. To employ (say) four men on this work will entail an additional expenditure of but little more than 1½ a month. Lead ore is steadily advancing in price, and it requires no prophet to predict that it will shortly command 200s. per ton, and appreciated as lead mines now are, they cannot fail to be far more highly appreciated shortly.

**LYWERNOG.**—John Evans, Feb. 27: We had a great storm on Monday night. The watercourse was frozen and full of sand from one end to the other, and our water-wheels were entirely stopped for 48 hours. This caused the water to rise in the lower levels, but as a nice warm rain has set in we shall get the watercourse cleared to-day, get home a full supply of water, and soon have the mine in fork again.

**MINERA UNION.**—J. Nicholls, Feb. 27: The tribute pitches are yielding lead ore as follows—viz., in the 20 yard level, north of boundary shaft, 8 cwt. per fm.; in the 50 yard level south 1 ton per fathom. At the lower Elstedford shaft the pitch in the 40 yard level is worth 8 cwt. per fathom. We shall sample a small parcel of lead next week.

**NEW DOLCOATH.**—J. Vivian and Son, N. Clymo, Feb. 25: Old South Lode: In

the 140, west of East shaft, the lode is 4 ft. wide, composed of quartz, peach, and mudiie, and letting out water freely. The lode in the 120, west of rise, west of east shaft, the lode is 2 ft. wide, composed of quartz, peach, and mudiie, and letting out water freely. The lode in the 100, west of rise, west of east shaft, the lode is 2 ft. wide, composed of quartz, peach, and mudiie, and letting out water freely. The lode in the 80, west of rise, west of east shaft, the lode is 2 ft. wide, composed of quartz, peach, and mudiie, and letting out water freely. The lode in the 60, west of rise, west of east shaft, the lode is 2 ft. wide, composed of quartz, peach, and mudiie, and letting out water freely. The lode in the 40, west of rise, west of east shaft, the lode is 2 ft. wide, composed of quartz, peach, and mudiie, and letting out water freely. The lode in the 20, west of rise, west of east shaft, the lode is 2 ft. wide, composed of quartz, peach, and mudiie, and letting out water freely. The lode in the 10, west of rise, west of east shaft, the lode is 2 ft. wide, composed of quartz, peach, and mudiie, and letting out water freely. The lode in the 5, west of rise, west of east shaft, the lode is 2 ft. wide, composed of quartz, peach, and mudiie, and letting out water freely. The lode in the 2, west of rise, west of east shaft, the lode is 2 ft. wide, composed of quartz, peach, and mudiie, and letting out water freely. The lode in the 1, west of rise, west of east shaft, the lode is 2 ft. wide, composed of quartz, peach, and mudiie, and letting out water freely. The lode in the 0, west of rise, west of east shaft, the lode is 2 ft. wide, composed of quartz, peach, and mudiie, and letting out water freely. 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work are extensive, and embrace the Success, Rushy Cliff, and Nancy, consolidated into one property. They are situated in Tissington, Derbyshire, about four miles from Ashbourne railway station, by a good road, and the same distance from the celebrated Eton Mines, belonging to the Duke of Devonshire. The sett is in the Crown field, and in the sole and wapentake of Wirksworth, the nature of the grant being a perpetual lease at 1-25th royalty. The company have acquired the mines upon very advantageous terms, the vendors having agreed to accept the whole of the purchase money, 10,000*l.*, in fully-paid shares. With regard to the remaining 6000 shares, it is proposed now to offer 2000 to the public and to hold 4000 in reserve. Capt. Absalom Francis, by whom the property has been inspected, estimates that the mine can be brought into a state of profit for 2000*l.*, and this amount is provided for by the present issue, whilst the 4000*l.* re-aggregate expenditure of 5000*l.*, as suggested by Captain James Kitch. Both adits recommended by the inspectors have been commenced: at Nancy a large vein rich in ore has been found, and at Rushy Cliff 4 fathoms further driving will intersect the first vein in the adit.

**THE SILVER VALLEY MINING COMPANY**, with a capital of 20,000*l.*, in shares of 20*l.* each, has been formed to purchase and work the mines of the same name in Camborne. The property is held under license, with undertaking to grant lease for 21 years, "on usual conditions of royalty," &c. The prospectus states that, owing to the peculiar facilities for operating, expensive machinery will not be required, while while the available water-power at command for stamping, dressing, and other requirements, will obviate the immense expenditure which the existing high price of coals involves in other mines. The present development of the lodes of the Silver Valley is considered to be sufficient to ensure prompt returns at a very moderate outlay, there being, on the other hand, independent of the value of the recoveries already made, an adjunctive and most important tract of virgin land in the property, which, proved in some measure by configurations of workings, leaves no doubt that, as occurred in Dolcoath and other neighbouring mines, argentiferous deposits with tin and copper will be found on a large scale. Mr. George Henwood and Captain Henry Cowling have reported favourably upon the property. Mr. Henwood (July, 1866) states that a trifling outlay for works recommenced with new ladders and other accessory supplies, will put the mine in a position to soon prepare a parcel of ore for sale. The wheel should be put up during dry weather, the ground being low and swampy, it will be far more difficult and costly when wet weather sets in, more than double the labour-charges will have to be expended. Capt. Cowling says that whether he regard the works already done to hand, the valuable ground it has brought into view, the geological strata, all congenial for minerals, the immense water-power (for which leats, &c., have been cut) that can be brought to bear on every requirement for lifting, pumping, stamping, dressing, &c., and the availability of carriage to and from the property; and, finally, its great extent, he must come to the conclusion that if the mine be carefully and economically worked it cannot fail, within a few months, to prove itself one of the first undertakings in the district. The prospectus will be found in another column.

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\* Much inconvenience having arisen in consequence of several of the Numbers during the past year being out of print, we recommend that the Journal should be filed on receipt: it then forms an accumulating useful work of reference.

**EAST TERRAS.**—I shall be much obliged if any of the readers of your valuable Journal can kindly give me, through its columns, the name and address of the manager of East Terras Mine.—H. H.

**SNOWDRIFT MINE.**—I lately saw a copy of the estimate and plan of the Snowdrift Mine, purporting to be made by R. O. Old, Esq., who signs himself "M. and C.E." I would like to ask Mr. Old where he obtained his certificates as M. and C.E., or, if he has no certificates, where he had his experience, to enable him to affix those letters to his name? I believe from all we can learn that Mr. Old's entire experience as mining engineer was obtained during his short career as agent for the Terrible Mining Company of this place. I would call Mr. Old's attention to the fact that Civil Engineers never call a section a plan.—M. and C.E.: Georgetown, Colorado, U.S.A., Feb. 3.

**KILLIFRETH.**—As we see in last week's Journal that it is reported that 2000 shares in Killifreth Mine have been sold to us, we beg to say that the report is utterly untrue; and we shall feel obliged if you will contradict it in your next Journal.—WILLIAMS AND CO.: *Miners' Bank, Teano*, Feb. 21.

**PROTECTING STEEL FROM RUST.**—"R. M." (Lombard-street).—The manner in which bright steel goods are usually protected for exhibition is by varnishing them with a transparent varnish. The length of time in which rust will make its appearance varies with the quality of the steel, character of the atmosphere, &c. A French metallurgist, Mr. Levallois, has patented various alloys of iron, tungsten, and nickel, to produce steel which will not easily rust. There are some alloys of nickel and iron scarcely distinguishable from silver.

**GOVERNOR VALVES.**—"H. R." (Central City).—We do not know the invention, but it appears to be beyond question that you have given the wrong name. In Mr. Cogswell's invention a ring of hardened metal is inserted in the lower end of the piston. This forms the lower seat of the piston, which is constructed with the upper head a little larger than the lower one. The trunk of the upper part of the piston is made hollow, and has openings at the top and bottom to allow steam to pass through to balance the piston. The lower piston-head is attached to the head of the upper one, and is hardened. It has projecting legs on the inner side to hold in the seat of the valve, and also notches to graduate the passage of steam to the steam-chest. The piston at a suitable point has a taper head carrying a taper ring, which has an arm with a forked end resting on part of the frame. This ring prevents the accidental turning of the rod, but allows of its axial adjustment.

**GOVERNMENT INSPECTORS OF METALLIFEROUS MINES.**—"Z. Y. X." (Albany-street).—We are not aware that any gentlemen have yet been appointed to fill this office. Three candidates were nominated, conditionally approved, and ordered to present themselves for examination. The result of the examination is not yet known. Many who are by no means ignorant make a very sorry figure before examiners appointed to test their practical knowledge of technical matters.

**Received.**—"J. T." (Georgetown, Colorado).—"J. M." (Beeth).—"T. B."—"W. E. A."—"A Mining Shareholder."—"C. P."—"R. R."—"R. K." (next week).—"S. C."—"J. S. W."—"Y." (write to a broker).—"A Shareholder." (Neath).—George Sparkes (next week).—"T. C." (Rose Clare, Pa.), Bullard.

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## THE MINING JOURNAL,

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LONDON, MARCH 1, 1873.

### THE MINES REGULATION ACT.

It appears that the underwriters are not the only persons who are dissatisfied with those clauses in the Mines Regulation Act which relate to the appointment of colliery managers, and another opposition to them has just started from an unexpected quarter. The mining engineers, including gentlemen like Mr. J. T. WOODHOUSE, of Derby, and Mr. J. T. SMITH, the managing director of the Sheep-bridge Coal and Iron Company, a few days since had an interview with the Home Secretary on the subject, and expressed their desire that the 26th clause should be entirely re-modelled, and a change of a very radical character made in it. The proposal made to Mr. BRUCE was embodied in the following resolution, previously agreed to at a meeting of the committee of the Mining Association of Great Britain:—

"That the Home Secretary be invited to amend the Mines Regulation Act of 1872 by providing for the appointment of two persons to have charge of the mine, one to be the viewer, responsible for the construction and setting out of the mine, and not necessarily resident, to have a certificate of the first class; and the other, the underviewer, to be resident, and to have the daily supervision of the mine, to have a certificate of the second class; and that the 5th paragraph of the 72nd section be altered so as to read thus:—'The term agent, when used in relation to any mine, means the viewer, holding a certificate of the first class, having, on behalf of the owner, care or direction of any mine, or part thereof, and superior to a manager appointed in pursuance of this Act. The term 'manager,' when used in relation to any mine, means the underviewer, or chief officer, holding a certificate of the second class, having the daily supervision of the underground workings.'"

The proposed alterations, it appears, were fully discussed by the deputation and Mr. BRUCE, the latter stating that he would take the suggestions made into consideration, although he expressed some diffidence in making any alteration in an Act which had been scarcely two months in operation. In the event of any change being attempted in the clauses alluded to during the present session the opposition will be of a very powerful description, and already steps are being taken to counteract the objects of the mining engineers. The proposal, in fact, raises the very question in relation to which meetings have recently been held at Wakefield, Leeds, and different parts of Derbyshire, but from an opposite point of view. The underviewers, who assert that they are the persons whom the Legislature intended to be made the managers, and to have the daily supervision of mines, now say that the mining engineers desire to have the power to manage ten or a dozen collieries, have a high position as first-class managers, with all the emoluments, but without any risk whatever; that with them it is a question of power without responsibility, for in case of anything happening at a colliery, by which the manager was liable to be sent to prison, and which might result from carrying out the instructions of a mining engineer, the No. 1 manager would escape, whilst No. 2 would be the victim.

The underground viewers state that if they are to be responsible for what takes place in a mine they must have the power in regard to regulating the work, and seeing that their instructions are carried out, and that to resort to what has been proposed by the mining engineers is merely turning back to the state of things which existed before the new Act came into operation, excepting that the underground manager would be the person who, in most instances, would be prosecuted for any offence under the Act which was "calculated to endanger the safety of the persons employed in or about the mine." It further appears that the representatives of the miners, men like Mr. McDONALD and Mr. NORMANSELL, on whom devolved the duty of drawing up several clauses and agreeing to the modification of others, are much opposed to handing over the supreme management of a number of mines to one man, who, in the event of an accident at any one of them, may be distant 60 or 70 miles from the scene where his presence, advice, and orders are of instant importance. Therefore, in the event of any alteration in the Bill being attempted during the present session we shall in all probability see a most powerful opposition, one in which the under-

viewers and the representatives of the miners will be on one side, against such a proceeding.

Looking at the matter dispassionately, and without advocating one side or the other, we certainly agree with Mr. BRUCE that it would be difficult to propose any alteration in an Act passed so recently; but we would even go a little further, and say it would be most unwise to do so, or to arouse a feeling of antagonism between parties on whom falls the carrying out of the most important provisions of the Act.

### COLLIERY WORKINGS—THE HERMON PRIZES.

It is exactly 12 months to-day since the last of the essays for the prizes offered by Mr. HERMON, M.P., for the two that pointed out the best means for the prevention of accidents in coal mines was sent in. So attractive was the subject to a large number of working miners, who alone were to be the competitors, that between 400 and 500 manuscripts were deposited with Mr. HERMON, several of them of a rather voluminous character, and not a few illustrated with drawings. The adjudicators included Mr. T. HUGHES, M.P., Mr. F. WARDELL, the Government Inspector of Mines for Yorkshire, and several others. No time was fixed for making known the award, but most of the writers believed that it would be made in the course of three or four months after the essays were delivered in. After waiting, however, for six months or more, many of those who had devoted much time and laboured hard in the elaboration of their writings became impatient at what appeared to be unnecessary delay, and expressed a strong desire that the names of the successful competitors should be made known, while many persons were also anxious to find out whether there was a positive means by which explosions of gas in collieries could be prevented, and what they were. If really practicable it was also felt that the system, if system it was, might in some way or other be grafted on to the Mines Regulation Bill, and thus become a sure and permanent good. Those expectations have not been realised, for the essays appear to have been stowed away in some place inaccessible to all but one or two persons, whilst the time when they could have been of the most benefit has passed away.

That there were valuable suggestions in several of them we have not the slightest doubt, for we know that some of the recommendations in one or two, at least, were inserted in the Mines Bill before it left the House of Commons. The least that can now be done, if there is to be no adjudication, is to return the manuscripts to the writers. For them we have the warmest sympathy, as we have also for Mr. HERMON, who we feel sure is as much annoyed at the delay as the essayists are themselves. In the interest of the former, and at the request of several of them, we ask in whose possession the writings now are, and what progress, if any, has been made in coming to a decision respecting them? We may say that about three months ago we were informed by Mr. F. WARDELL that up to that time he had never seen one of the essays, and in whose hands they were he could not say. Some of the writers have informed us that they had the greatest faith in Mr. T. HUGHES, who they looked upon as the poor man's friend, and wish to know if he would kindly vouchsafe them some information respecting what they term "the lost writings."

We quite admit that the labour of going through such a vast mass of writing of anything but an interesting character, especially to persons not interested in mining details, is a most arduous task, and a serious trial of temper and patience; but, once undertaken, it ought to have been carried out within something like reasonable time. As we have before stated, to a working collier the writing out of anything in the shape of an essay must have involved so much time, labour, and study, that in all probability he could scarcely, even under favourable circumstances, be induced to try his hand at a second one; but if he ever even dreamt of doing so, the recollection of the Hermon prizes would at once deter him from the attempt. Let us, then, as a last appeal on behalf of those who have been so long and anxiously waiting to hear something of their first literary efforts, ask that some information may be afforded them as to the probable termination of their weary watchings for the award of the adjudicators.

### THE HOME OFFICE, AND THE COLLIERY MANAGERS.

The colliery managers throughout the country have room for grave complaint that they are so much at the mercy of the Home Office as to whether or not they shall continue to pursue under the new Coal Mines Regulation Act the duties that hitherto they have performed under the old Act. Yet this ought scarcely to be so. The 31st section of the Act gives a person who has heretofore acted in the capacity of manager a right to require from the Home Office "a certificate of service," as available to him in his profession, so far as it relates to compliance with the Act as "a certificate of competency," which the future race of managers must obtain by passing an examination. He is entitled to a certificate of service who, for periods amounting in the whole to 12 months during the five years before the Act passed, has acted in the capacity of manager of the mine. He, too, is equally entitled who at the time of the passing of the Act was acting, and has since acted, in the like capacity. The Act was passed on Aug. 10. Whoever, therefore, was acting in the capacity of manager on that day, and the day before, and the day after, has clearly conferred on him by statute the right to a certificate of service, although those three days may comprise the whole period during which he acted as manager. All he ought to have to do is to satisfy the Secretary of State of the fact of the three days' service. Says Mr. J. W. HALL—"Whoever brings himself within the 31st section has as clear a right to the certificate as a man in custody has to sue out a *habeas corpus*. Each is a statutory right, each is an absolute right, subject only to the facts conferring that right being shown."

Here comes in the cause of complaint. The applicant must "satisfy" the Secretary of State. Supposing the facts exist, and the proofs have been given to the Secretary of State, yet he remains unsatisfied. What then? Doubtless, the Secretary of State, being entrusted with the exercise of a discretion which is practically irrevocable, we may and ought to assume that he will accept as satisfactory whatever ought to satisfy him, and that he will not, by virtue of his prerogative, seek to make the law—a task from which the highest legal dignitaries shrink—but will, as they do, administer it as he finds it. Unfortunately the Act does not require the Secretary of State, when he is not satisfied, to assign the reason why it is refused. That reason may, perhaps, be the non-production of proofs, which may be readily furnished if the applicant only knew what remained between him and the satisfaction of the Home Office. Now, this is a hardship to which it is not right that any class of men should be subjected at the hands of any authority, for without the certificate of the Home Office he is no longer in a position to earn, as heretofore, the bread whereby alone he professionally lives. How difficult it is to satisfy the Home Office, and how impossible to learn why, in the event of non-satisfaction, you have failed, were all forcibly brought out at the last meeting of the South Midland Institute of Engineers by the gentleman we have already quoted, and whose opinions altogether coincide with those which we have in the foregoing remarks expressed. The case certainly seems to us to be one of peculiar hardship. If men of ability and experience so undeniable are to be refused a certificate upon some technical plea, the country and the mining interest will be deprived of services that were never at any time in greater actual request, or were ever more highly valued. The case is fully set forth in another column, and we need not, therefore, repeat it here. We cannot, however, but think that such eccentricities of legislation need only to be well ventilated in order to their abolition; and the representations made on Wednesday last week to the Home Secretary, by the deputation from the Mining Association of Great Britain, together with the efforts of the South Yorkshire Engineers to obtain from Mr. BRUCE his interpretation of the 31st and 26th sections of the Act, will have considerable influence in facilitating their removal.

Some other course than that now adopted must be pursued before the granting of certificates to managers are either satisfactory to mining engineers or beneficial to the interests which Parliament seems so anxious to subserve. It is impossible, as Mr. HALL points out, that even the Home Secretary or the Assistant Home Secretary

can give the attention to the claims of the applicants which the cases we have indicated must, therefore, practically, be referred to some subordinate, whose report is endorsed by him. And this, notwithstanding that in pursuance of the principle of jealousy watching vested rights, the applicant, the observance of which he has a right to demand, and to the successful demand there would be no bar if there had not been that element in the obligation to "satisfy" the Home Secretary takes away with one hand what has been given by the other. Mr. HALL suggests that the method adopted for settling the right of a burgess to be placed upon the rate might well form the basis of a system for settling the claim of a mining engineer to a certificate, and we concur with him, that if the question of the 5s. for an efficient investigation of their claims were now pay for the very unsatisfactory enquiry to be submitted. Happily Parliament is sitting, and the Government and private members of the House of Commons have more influence now than at any other time of our fuel mining enterprise. Let them use that influence, but firmly, and we have but little doubt that being done with respect to the rank and file of the army which is happening in regard to their rank and file, which we are only too familiar. Mr. HALL, with which mining engineers might now embrace the merits of the every day life of the nation if they adopt such a course. Such a course is recommended by Mr. HALL nor ourselves, but the ease with which the Government of the applications for certificates of service is made it is upon every ground to be desired that the Home Secretary take the method it has hitherto adopted. Unless we are taken it will directly be next to impossible to get the mines that are now being worked. What the price is then, and what the difficulties directly travelling legislation, of which we have recently had so much, enough to conjecture.

### COAL AND IRON IN THE UNITED STATES.

The opening of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad at last effected, after many months of persevering effort, mark an epoch in the history of the American coal and iron. The Chesapeake and Ohio line, in its course through Virginia, passes through vast—*or, as an American writer would say, mammoth*—deposits of iron ore, the counterparts of which have enriched Pennsylvania. These iron mines have hitherto with charcoal fuel from the want of cheap fuel, of course, the serious difficulty indicated by this new route. In its course through West Virginia and Ohio the line passes through the thickest part of the Alleghany coal field, where the coal is purer, more of three distinct varieties, which are valuable for different purposes respectively. The completion of the line accordingly opens to the furnaces of Virginia the largest of cheap fuel, smelting coal, and limestone. Indeed, results of the opening of the new route is expected of numerous furnaces, ironworks, and other establishments along the new portions of the line; in other words, it is a possibility that Virginia will become a coal and iron state. This is a contingency which ought not to be by those who are promoting the endless strikes which the British iron trade. The Americans have been customers for our iron during the last few years, but, as iron becomes scarce and dear in Great Britain, encouraged to develop still further their own means, new facilities now afforded them will greatly promote which they may make in this direction. The immense American demand for iron to Great Britain may be the following short table illustrating the consumption of rails and railway iron alone in the United States during years:—

1870	299,196 tons.	1871	359,535 tons.
1872	421,324 "	1873	313,410 "

Prodigious as was the activity displayed last year in the matter of railroad construction, and important to them to obtain supplies also for the renewal and extension of existing lines, they yet could not afford to submit to increasing prices which they had to pay for English iron, and, accordingly, in the last few months of the year, and accordingly, in the last few months of the year, we had sent the Americans 378,053 tons of our railway iron, compared with 359,535 tons in the corresponding nine months of 1872, and 313,410 tons in the corresponding nine months of 1871. It is seen that at the close of September our exports of iron were short of those effected in the corresponding period while when 1872 had fully run its course the fall balance with the whole of 1871, had increased to 200,000 tons. American demand for our railway iron alone during the last three months of 1872 to the extent of 28,000 tons, with the corresponding three months of 1871. The corresponding rate of 112,104 tons per annum. A serious nut for such men as Mr. HALLIDAY, who are stirring up great conflicts between labour and capital of the Atlantic, to crack and digest.

It may not be a welcome truth, but it is a truth, that high prices are frightening away our best customers. For it is not only as regards railway iron that the demand is falling off; the exports of other descriptions of pig-iron, and, accordingly, in the last few months of the year, they increased upon the whole last year to 150,000 tons, compared with 150,183 tons in 1871. The exports of bar and rod iron also presented a heavy decrease in December and for the whole year were 64,905 tons, against 70,000 tons in 1871. When we come to hoops, sheets, and plates, a considerable decrease in the exports to the United States, while the exports for the whole year receded to 12,000 tons, compared with 41,520 tons in the whole of 1871. It is wrought iron that we find a small increase in the exports for the whole of 1872. We live in such times that it is necessary to have recourse to first principles, and the fact that high prices necessarily imply a corresponding fall in demand, is a fact which cannot be denied. The returns for January, 1873, show a considerable increase in the American demand for our iron, and Mr. HALLIDAY may do well to remember that the opening of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad may endow the States with another

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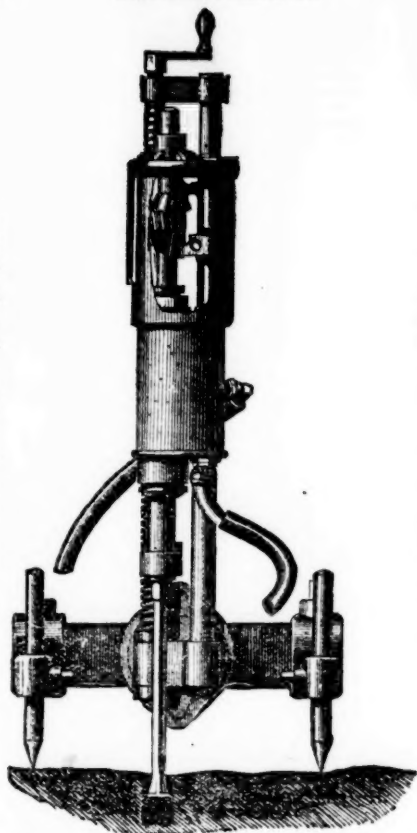


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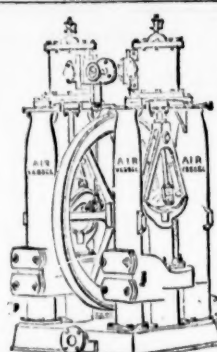
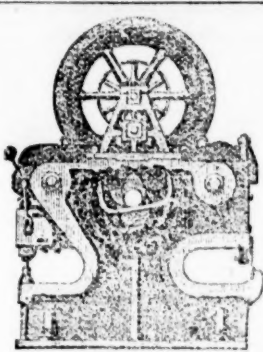
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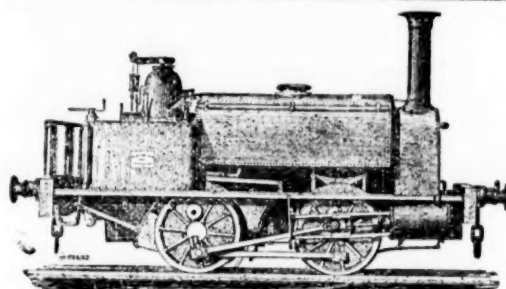
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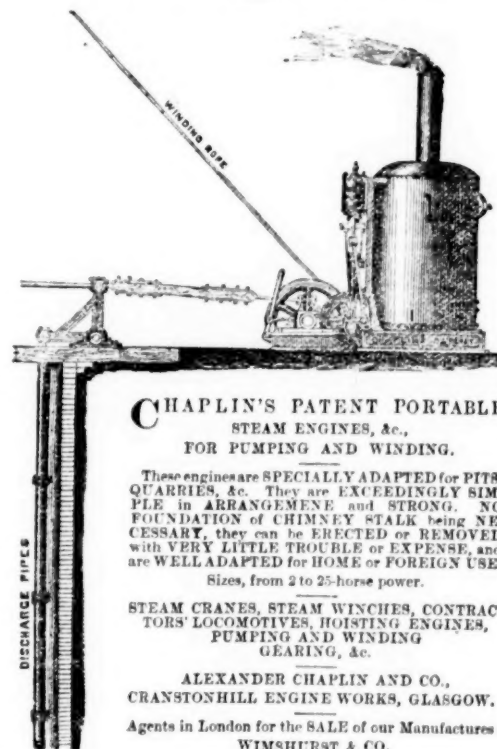
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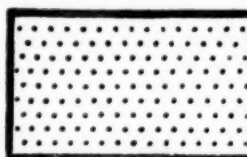


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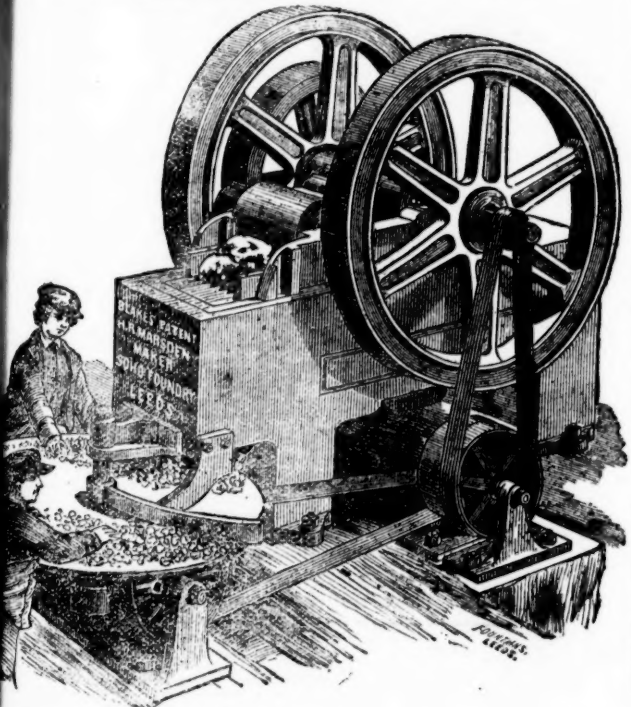
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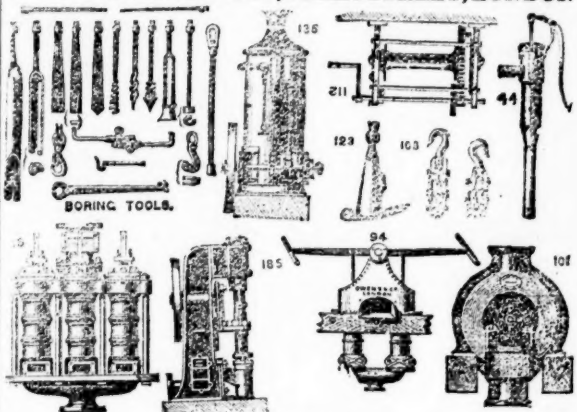
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